

## **FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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### **Legislation Title:**

An ordinance relating to land use and zoning and to the permitting and approval process for light rail transit facilities; amending Seattle Municipal Code sections 23.41.004, 23.42.040, 23.47.042, 23.47.050, and 23.80.004, and authorizing the Seattle Design Commission to designate some of its functions.

### **Summary of the Legislation:**

The proposed Council Bill would amend the City's Land Use Code to further clarify the permit approval process and conditions for construction of the Link Light Rail System. The proposed amendments were necessary to clarify the circumstances under which the Director of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) may waive or modify development standards when necessary to allow the siting or proper functioning of a light rail facility, or where necessary to address the site specific impacts of light rail construction and operation. Conditioning of a light rail facility or modification to applicable development standards is also subject to review under the design guidelines developed for the light rail system by the City and Sound Transit. It was also necessary to amend provisions for temporary construction activities related to the mitigation of the impacts of temporary construction worker parking, further clarifying the need to remove such parking when construction activities cease.

### **Background:**

In Spring of 2000, the Council adopted legislation that established the permit approval process for the Link Light Rail Transit System. These provisions were necessary to permit and mitigate the impacts of the light rail system on surrounding properties. With experience and the permit process well underway, issues have arisen as to the extent of the Director of DPD's authority for waiving or modifying a Land Use Code development standard in order to facilitate the proper construction and functioning of a light rail facility. This proposed Council Bill will address those issues and clarify the permit mitigation and approval process.

**X This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

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**Attachment 1: Director's Report and Recommendation**